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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING "LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS DAY" ON FEBRUARY 11, 2014
IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, Bates, Ruggerio, Algiere, and Ottiano

Date Introduced: February 11, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, February 11th marks the official celebration of "Library Legislative
2 Awareness Day" in our state. This year's theme is "Libraries Change Lives"; and

3 WHEREAS, Literacy skills are essential for effective participation in our democracy, in
4 the workplace, in the community, and within family life. Evidence shows that low or minimal
5 literacy skills can condemn entire families to isolation, poverty and dependence; and

6 WHEREAS, Libraries are true beacons of democracy that strengthen our state and our
7 nation by preserving our nation's cultural heritage. Lady Bird Johnson once said, "Perhaps no
8 place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance
9 requirement is interest"; and

10 WHEREAS, Libraries empower individuals, strengthen families, and provide the
11 cornerstone for a brighter future for all our citizens; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
13 hereby celebrates "Library Legislative Awareness Day." We furthermore express our sincere
14 gratitude to those dedicated individuals who work, volunteer, and advocate for libraries across
15 our state; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to The Rhode Island Library Association.

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